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1. FROM FEB 25 TO MARCH 8, 1974, A GROUP OF DEA SPECIALISTS PROVIDED ROC POLICE WITH NARCOTICS TRAINING IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF TRAFFICKING, SURVEILLANCE, INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES AND CULTIVATION OF INFORMANTS. THE COURSE WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ROC CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU (CIB), MINISTRY OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATION BUREAU (MJIB), TAIWAN GARRISON GENERAL HEADQUARTERS (TGGH), AND NATIONAL SECURITY BUREAU (NSB). PRIOR TO THE TRAINING, SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE GROC HAD CONDUCTED NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS WITH LITTLE OR NO COORDINATION OF EFFORT OR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. AFTER COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING COURSE, CIB WAS TASKED WITH ESTABLISHING A CENTRALIZED NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS SQUAD. THE CENTRALIZED SQUAD HAS BEEN FORMED AND CIB OFFICIALS HAVE NOW REQUESTED MORE MANPOWER BE ASSIGNED TO THE UNIT.

2. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING THE IMPETUS FOR THE FORMATION
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OF A CENTRALIZED NARCOTICS UNIT, CIB OFFICIALS HAVE

ADVISED US THAT THE DEA TRAINING SERVED TO RE-EMPHASIZE THAT DRUG ENFORCEMENT IS AN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM WHICH REQUIRES THE COOPERATION OF ALL COUNTRIES. IN THIS RESPECT CIB HAS READILY RESPONDED TO ALL DEA REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, SURVEILLANCE OR WATCHLISTING OF KNOWN OR SUSPECTED NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS.

3. AT THE PRESENT TIME THREE ROC POLICE OFFICIALS ARE ATTENDING A SIX-WEEK NARCOTICS COURSE AT DEA HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D.C. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE OVERSEAS DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS OF THE U.S. WILL BE ENHANCED ONCE THESE OFFICERS RETURN TO TAIWAN.

4. AID SPONSORS THIRD-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAMS ON TAIWAN, WHICH ARE ADMINISTERED HERE BY THE JOINT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE (JTAC). IN RECENT YEARS SEVERAL OF THESE THIRD-COUNTRY PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN RELATED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO NARCOTICS CONTROL: ONE WEEK CUSTOMS OPERATIONS OBSERVATION FOR FOUR VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS, SEPT 1973; ONE WEEK LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FOR THREE THAI POLICE OFFICIALS, MARCH 1975; ONE WEEK INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL TRAINING FOR TWO THAI OFFICIALS, APRIL 1975. TWO PROGRAMS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1975: ONE MONTH NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FOR ONE THAI POLICE OFFICER, AND TEN DAYS NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS FOR THE COMMANDER OF THE THAI RAILWAY POLICE.

5. THE AID THIRD-COUNTRY PROGRAMS APPEAR TO BE SUCCESSFUL AND COST-EFFECTIVE, BUT AN ASSESSMENT AND SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF BENEFITS ACCRUING TO US DRUG ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE SENDING COUNTRY.
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